inspections procurement of raw materials from standard sources, test checks of quality of raw materials used, proper training of departmental catering staff, modernizing the kitchen equipments and taking suitable corrective and panel action in case of public complaints and irregularities brought to notice.

With a view to further improving the catering standard, India Tourism Development Corporation have been appointed as consultants for modernizing the catering arrangement on the Indian Railways. Revised menus have been introduced to supply hot|tasty food to passengers in disposable aluminium casseroles in certain selected long distance mail|express trains. These may be extended to other stations/trains in the light of the experience gained.

Amendment of Acts governing Central Universities

812. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA. Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the Acts governing central universities following recomendations made by a high-powered Committee of the University Grants Commission in 1983;

(b) if so, what are the principal recommendations made in this report which Government have examined and agreed to; and

(c) at what stage the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) The Empowered Committee appointed by the Government to examine the report has not finalised its views on all the recommendations made in the report. The work of this Committee is in the final stages. Any amendment to the Acts of the Central Universities, if necessary, will be considered in accordance with the decisions taken on the recommendations contained in the report.

Defection by a radar scientist to US

813. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH: MALIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Blitz' of 18th May, 1985 to the effect that a radar scientist, Y. Ratnakar Rao, fled with vital documents and defected to the United States;

(b) whether Government have taken any initiative for his extradition: if so, at what stage the matter stands at present;

(c) what is the number of scientists from the Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE) who have so far defected to the United States; and

(d) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Shri Y. Ratnakar Rao, Scientist 'C' left the country unauthorisedly. It is incorrect to say that he fled with vital documents.

(b) Authentic information about the whereabouts of shri Y. Ratnakar Rao in USA is being ascertained. Once this is known. Government would examine initiating action as considered necessary against the officer.

(c) To the best of our knowledge two scientists of Electronics & radar Development Establishment. Bangalore have left for U.S. unauthorisedly.

(d) Disciplinary action for imposition of major penalty on both the scientists have already been initiated. Extradition proceedings against one scientist have been initiated.